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## Personal Data

Born: 16 June 1965 in Tailfingen (Germany)  
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## Education

09/71 to 06/84 Gymnasium Stockach (Germany), high school diploma 06/1984 (1.1, sehr gut, best of class)  
09/86 to 12/91 Studies in physics, University of Konstanz (Germany), diploma in physics 12/1991 (sehr gut)

## Research Experience

12/1990 - 12/1991 Diploma student, University of Konstanz, Germany, in the department of physics (Prof. Jürgen Mlynek)  
Topics: frequency doubling, generation of nonclassical light

01/1992 - 09/1994 Ph. D. student at the University of Konstanz (Germany), in the department of physics (Prof. Jürgen Mlynek)  
Topics: frequency doubling and parametric oscillation, generation of nonclassical light  
Ph.D. in 09/1994 with highest distinction (summa cum laude)

10/1994 - 01/1997 Research assistant in the Optoelectronics Research Centre, University of Southampton (England), with Prof. D.C. Hanna  
Topics: fiber lasers, upconversion lasers, laser spectroscopy, laser modeling, ultrashort pulse generation

02/1997 - 10/1997 Research assistant at the University of Paderborn (Germany)  
Topics: integrated optics, nonlinear optics, quasi phase matching

- 11/1997 - 06/2005 Senior research assistant (Oberassistent) in the Institute of Quantum Electronics, ETH Zürich (Switzerland), research group of Prof. Ursula Keller
- Topics: all-solid-state picosecond and femtosecond lasers, mode-locked high-power lasers, mode-locked semiconductor lasers (VECSELs), nonlinear wavelength conversion of ultrashort pulses, pulse compression, noise in optics (laser noise, timing jitter, noise in supercontinua), computer modeling in laser physics and nonlinear optics
- Habilitation in experimental physics: in October 2002.
- 06/2004 until now Independent technical consulting via the company RP Photonics Consulting GmbH (<https://www.rp-photonics.com/>), full-time since 07/2005. The company was founded in Zürich, Switzerland, in 06/2004, and moved to Bad Dürkheim, Germany, in 12/2010.

## Honors

- 1987 to 1991 Fellowship of the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German National Merit Foundation)
- 1992 to 1994 Ph. D. fellowship of the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German National Merit Foundation)
- 2002 Fresnel Prize of the European Physical Society (EPS) awarded for an “outstanding contributions to ultrafast all-solid-state lasers by pushing the frontiers in average power and pulse repetition rates by orders of magnitude“
- 2006 R. Paschotta was appointed a senior member of IEEE.
- 2006/2007 R. Paschotta became member of the Charles H. Townes award committee of the Optical Society of America, and later became the chair.
- 2009 R. Paschotta acted as the chair of the EPS award committee for the Fresnel Prize and the QEOD Thesis Prize.
- 2012 R. Paschotta became a fellow of the SPIE “for achievements in passively mode-locked lasers, including high-power lasers and high-repetition rates”.
- 2016 R. Paschotta became a fellow of the Optical Society of America (OSA) “for the creation of an online encyclopedia on optics and photonics and for important contributions to the understanding and optimization of ultrafast lasers”.

## Core Competences

- deep and broad scientific and technical expertise in fields like laser physics, nonlinear optics, noise in optics, etc.
- highly developed analytic capabilities, used for problem assessment, structuring of information, comparison of options, etc.
- deep experience with physical modeling and computer programming
- organized style of working for highest efficiency and reliability

- strong motivation for hard work to reach highest standards
- broad interests and broad view
- cooperative style: enjoying fruitful team work, open communication, absolute reliability, motivating coworkers
- steady further improvement in all areas by permanent monitoring of results

## Publications

### Scientific Journals

1. P. Kürz, R. Paschotta, K. Fiedler, A. Sizmann, G. Leuchs, and J. Mlynek, “Squeezing by second-harmonic generation in a monolithic resonator”, *Appl. Phys. B* **55**, 216 (1992).
2. K. Fiedler, S. Schiller, R. Paschotta, P. Kürz, and J. Mlynek, “Highly efficient frequency doubling with a doubly-resonant monolithic total internal reflection ring resonator”, *Opt. Lett.* **18** (21), 1786 (1993).
3. J. G. Rarity, J. Burnett, P. R. Tapster, and R. Paschotta, “High-visibility two-photon interference in a single-mode-fibre interferometer”, *Europhys. Lett.* **22**, 95 (1993).
4. R. Paschotta, K. Fiedler, P. Kürz, and J. Mlynek, “Nonlinear mode coupling in doubly-resonant frequency doublers”, *Appl. Phys. B* **58**, 117 (1994).
5. P. Kürz, R. Paschotta, K. Fiedler, and J. Mlynek, “Bright squeezed light by second-harmonic generation in a monolithic resonator”, *Europhys. Lett.* **24**, 449 (1993).
6. R. Paschotta and J. Mertz, “Squeezed light generation by twin beam control with optical cavity”, *Phys. Rev. A* **49** (4), 2820 (1994).
7. R. Paschotta, M. Collett, P. Kürz, K. Fiedler, H. A. Bachor, and J. Mlynek, “Bright squeezed light from a singly-resonant frequency doubler”, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **72** (24), 3807 (1994).
8. R. Paschotta, P. Kürz, R. Henking, S. Schiller, and J. Mlynek, “82% efficient continuous-wave frequency doubling of 1.06  $\mu\text{m}$  with a monolithic  $\text{MgO}:\text{LiNbO}_3$  resonator”, *Opt. Lett.* **19** (17), 1325 (1994).
9. S. Schiller, S. Kohler, R. Paschotta, and J. Mlynek, “Squeezing and quantum nondemolition measurements with an optical parametric amplifier”, *Appl. Phys. B* **60**, 77 (1995).
10. S. Schiller, G. Breitenbach, S. F. Pereira, R. Paschotta, A. G. White, and J. Mlynek, “Generation of continuous-wave bright squeezed light”, in “Laser Frequency Stabilization and Noise Reduction”, Y. Shevy, Ed., *Proc. SPIE* 2378 (1995).
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13. S. Schiller, G. Breitenbach, R. Paschotta, and J. Mlynek, “Subharmonic pumped continuous-wave parametric oscillator”, *Appl. Phys. Lett.* **68** (24), 3374 (1996).
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15. R. Paschotta, D.C. Hanna, P. DeNatale, G. Modugno, M. Inguscio, and P. Laporta, “Power amplifier for 1083 nm using ytterbium doped fibre”, *Opt. Commun.* **136**, 243 (1997).

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## Teaching Activities

1. Postgraduate lecture course on photodetection, Southampton University, Nov. 1995.
2. "Introduction to fiber lasers and upconversion lasers": three lectures at the Winter College on New Laser Sources, Trieste, Feb. 1996.
3. Various tutorials for physics courses at ETH Zürich since 1998 (Physics I and II, Quantum Electronics, Ultrafast Laser Physics): working out the exercises, instructing the assistants, administrative coordination.
4. Occasional lecturing in physics courses at ETH Zürich in substitution of Prof. Ursula Keller (Physics II, Quantum Electronics, Ultrafast Laser Physics, between 2000 and 2004).
5. Lecture series on "Ultrafast Laser Physics", ETH Zürich, April-July 2002, done together with G. Steinmeyer.
6. Lecture series on "Ultrafast Laser Physics", ETH Zürich, April-July 2003.
7. Lecture series on "Ultrafast Laser Physics", ETH Zürich, April-July 2004.
8. Supervision of Ph. D. students, diploma students, and semester students. Eleven students of ETH Zürich have obtained their Ph. D. with work under the direct supervision of Dr. Paschotta (see the list of Ph. D. theses above), who has also given detailed internal tutorials on laser gain media, photodetection with photodiodes, nonlinearities in fibers, supercontinuum generation in fibers, mode-locked fiber lasers, laser noise, etc.
9. Lectures on mode-locked solid state lasers and semiconductor lasers at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Summer School "New Frontiers in Optical Technologies" in Tampere, Finland, August 15-20, 2005.
10. Short course SC256, "Lasers for Ultrashort Pulse Generation", at Advanced Solid State Photonics 2006, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, January 2006.
11. "Introduction to laser diodes, beam quality of lasers and nonlinear frequency conversion for generation of visible laser radiation", lecture at the Workshop on Novel Laser Technologies and Their Applications in Tampere, Finland, August 31, 2006.
12. Short course SC818 on "Laser beam quality" at Photonics West 2007, Jan. 22.
13. Lectures on "Fundamentals of fiber lasers and amplifiers" and "Ultrashort pulse fiber sources" at the Winter College on Fibre Optics, Fibre Lasers and Sensors, Feb. 12, 2007, Trieste, Italy
14. Lectures on "Introduction to Amplifiers" and on "Power Scaling of Lasers" at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Summer School "New Frontiers in Optical Technologies" in Tampere, Finland, August 13-17, 2007.
15. Short course SC818 on "Laser beam quality" at Photonics West 2008, Jan. 22.
16. Short course SC860 on "Resonator design for solid state lasers" at Photonics West 2008, Jan. 23.
17. Short course SC818 on "Laser beam quality" at Photonics West 2009, Jan. 25.
18. Short course SC931 on "Applied nonlinear frequency conversion" at Photonics West 2009, Jan. 27.
19. Short course SC860 on "Resonator design for solid state lasers" at Photonics West 2009, Jan. 28.
20. Short course on "Fiber amplifiers" at CLEO/Europe 2009 in Munich, June 14.

21. Lecture on “Fiber Amplifiers and Lasers” at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Summer School "New Frontiers in Optical Technologies" in Tampere, Finland, August 10, 2009.
22. Short course SC931 on “Applied Nonlinear Frequency Conversion” at Photonics West in San Francisco, Jan. 25, 2010
23. Short course SC 818 on “Laser Beam Quality” at Photonics West in San Francisco, Jan. 26, 2010
24. Short course SC860 on “Resonator Design for Solid State Lasers” at Photonics West in San Francisco, Jan. 27, 2010
25. Short course on “High-Power Solid-State Laser Technologies” at Advanced Solid-State Photonics 2010 in San Diego on January 31, 2010
26. Short course SC931 on “Applied Nonlinear Frequency Conversion” at Photonics West in San Francisco, Jan. 24, 2011
27. Short course SC 818 on “Laser Beam Quality” at Photonics West in San Francisco, Jan. 25, 2011
28. Short course SC860 on “Resonator Design for Solid State Lasers” at Photonics West in San Francisco, Jan. 25, 2011
29. Tutorial on “Nonlinear Frequency Conversion” at the 6<sup>th</sup> International Summer School "New Frontiers in Optical Technologies" in Tampere, Finland, August 8, 2011.
30. Short course SC 818 on “Laser Beam Quality” at Photonics West in San Francisco, Jan. 22, 2012
31. Short course SC931 on “Applied Nonlinear Frequency Conversion” at Photonics West in San Francisco, Jan. 23, 2012
32. Short course SC860 on “Resonator Design for Solid State Lasers” at Photonics West in San Francisco, Jan. 25, 2012
33. Short course SC380 on “Laser Noise” at ASSP in San Diego, Jan. 29, 2012
34. Short course SC860 on “Resonator Design for Solid State Lasers” at Photonics West in San Francisco, Feb. 3, 2013
35. Short course SC 818 on “Laser Beam Quality” at Photonics West in San Francisco, Feb. 5, 2013
36. Lecture on “Numerical Modeling of High-Power Bulk and Fiber Lasers” at the WE-Heraeus-Seminar in Bad Honnef, July 15, 2013
37. Short course SC860 on “Resonator Design for Solid State Lasers” at Photonics West in San Francisco, Feb. 2, 2014
38. Short course SC931 on “Applied Nonlinear Frequency Conversion” at Photonics West in San Francisco, Feb. 3, 2014
39. Short course SC 818 on “Laser Beam Quality” at Photonics West in San Francisco, Feb. 5, 2014
40. Short course SC 818 on “Laser Beam Quality” at Photonics West in San Francisco, Feb. 8, 2015
41. Short course SC931 on “Applied Nonlinear Frequency Conversion” at Photonics West in San Francisco, Feb. 9, 2015
42. Short course SC1181 on “Ultrafast Lasers and Amplifiers” at Photonics West in San Francisco, Feb. 17, 2016

43. Short course SC1180 on “Passive and Active Fiber Optics” at Photonics West in San Francisco, Feb. 14, 2016
44. Short course SC1181 on “Ultrafast Lasers and Amplifiers” at Photonics West in San Francisco, Jan. 29, 2017
45. Short course SC1207 on “High Power Laser Technologies” at Photonics West in San Francisco, Feb. 2, 2017

## **Various Commitments**

- Serving as a referee for scientific journals like Optics Letters, Physical Review Letters, Physical Review A and E, Journal of the Optical Society of America B, Applied Optics, Applied Physics B, Optics Communications, Journal of Lightwave Technology, IEEE Journal Quantum Electronics, and IEEE Photonics Technology Letters. So far, over 250 referee reports have been delivered.
- Serving as a member of a programme subcommittee for CLEO/Europe 2000 in Nice, France.
- Serving as a member of the programme committee for the “Symposium on Microlasers” at the CLEO/Europe topical meeting 2003 in München, Germany.
- Serving as a member of the programme subcommittee “Solid-State Lasers” for the EPS Europhoton Conference on “Solid-State and Fiber Coherent Light Sources” 2004 in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- Serving as subcommittee chair (topical area solid-state lasers) for CLEO/Europe 2005 in Munich, Germany.
- Serving as a member of a programme subcommittee for CLEO 2005 in Baltimore and CLEO 2006 in Long Beach (CA), USA.
- Serving as a programme committee member of Advanced Solid-State Photonics 2006 (Lake Tahoe) and 2007 (Vancouver).
- Serving as a programme committee member of the 2nd EPS Europhoton Conference on “Solid-State and Fiber Coherent Light Sources”, Sept. 10–15, 2006.
- Serving as a member of the programme committee “Solid-State Lasers” at the CLEO/Europe topical meetings 2007, 2009 and 2011 in München, Germany.

## **Overview on Scientific Achievements**

An overview on the scientific achievements of Dr. Rüdiger Paschotta is available online: see [https://www.rp-photonics.com/Science\\_Paschotta.ppt](https://www.rp-photonics.com/Science_Paschotta.ppt)

## **RP Photonics Consulting GmbH**

In June 2004, Dr. Rüdiger Paschotta has founded the company RP Photonics Consulting GmbH in order to offer consulting services for the photonics industry. More specifically, various kinds of services (including product designs, problem solving, staff training, and independent assessments) are available for manufacturers and users of lasers and other modern optical equipment, for investors and funding agencies, and for communications and advertising experts. The covered topical areas are: lasers and amplifiers, nonlinear optics, fiber optics, ultrashort pulses, multilayer optics, fluctuations and noise. For details see the company website <https://www.rp-photonics.com/>.



## **Encyclopedia of Laser Physics and Technology**

Since September 2004, Dr. Rüdiger Paschotta has his “Encyclopedia of laser physics and technology” freely accessible under <https://www.rp-photonics.com/encyclopedia.html>. This work is also a part of the [WWW Virtual Library](#). The covered topics include not only laser physics and laser technology, but also general optics and optoelectronics, nonlinear optics, quantum optics, fiber optics, ultrashort pulses, and optical communications. The encyclopedia contains over 600 technical articles. Being extensively used both by the laser industry and by researchers, the encyclopedia typically receives well over 150'000 page views monthly, and has around 3000 to 4000 visitors on a working day. In October 2008, this encyclopedia appeared as a two-volume print version, published via Wiley-VCH.

Since July 2006, there is also a blog called “The Photonics Spotlight” (<https://www.rp-photonics.com/spotlight.html>). In 2012, this already contained around 200 articles.

## **RP Photonics Buyer’s Guide**

Since August 2012, the “RP Photonics Buyer’s Guide” has been introduced on the RP Photonics website (<https://www.rp-photonics.com/buyersguide.html>). This comprehensive database of suppliers in the photonics sector is intimately connected with the Encyclopedia of Laser Physics and Technology. This resource strongly benefits from Dr. Paschotta’s knowledge on products and companies in the field of photonics.

## **An Encyclopedia on Energy Topics: RP-Energie-Lexikon**

In 2010, Dr. Paschotta started to work on another encyclopedia, this time on the area of energy generation and consumption, and in German. It is named the “RP-Energie-Lexikon”, and is freely available in the Internet at <https://www.energie-lexikon.info/>. The main intention behind this project is to provide the public with a reliable source of information on energy matters, not only listing facts on certain technologies but also presenting their merits and limitations in a balanced and fair way. In 2016, that resource already contained well over 600 articles. Dr. Paschotta also offers consultancy in the area of energy technologies.